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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

(*Item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Programme 19
Economic and social development in Western Asia

1. At its 14th meeting, on 12 June 2015, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/80).

2. Representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. One delegation requested further information on how subprogramme 4 had supported member countries in developing or updating strategies and policies that leveraged human resources, innovation and modern technology towards a knowledge-based economy and an information society as the new paradigm for

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employment and sustainable economic growth, pursuant to expected accomplishment (a) in table 22.17 of document A/70/6 (Sect. 22) (see also A/69/6/Rev.1, para. 19.47).

4. One delegation asked whether the revised name of subprogramme 4, "Technology for development and regional integration", which was more general than the previous title, "Information and communications technology for regional integration", corresponded to the content of the subprogramme, in particular the objective, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. Furthermore, clarification was sought as to whether the subprogramme included policy and technical support under the umbrella of its activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should approve the change to programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/80).**